

Request to Appear Before  
The Durham City Council  
At the Work Session

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Organization Represented: Vick Family

**Topic:** Statement of presentation you wish to make and statement of action you wish Council to take.

I have been having issues associated with the fees for disconnection of water. In researching I notice that the decision making team is 100% male. I worry the imbalance may discourage executives from being able to follow a plan that ensures a diverse population are satisfied with their service. I was told that the city already extended me a refund and my payment agreement was broken so I don't get another chance. I explained that an arrangement for me to pay over time means that I am still paying- fees that are unreasonable. If someone does not pay their water bill it probably means they don't have money and they are being punished for not having money by having to pay outrageous reconnection fees. And because I noticed there is an all male staff which would be a clear sign that there may be imbalance in an organization, it only seems fit to address the matter of the lopsidedness in decision making policy.

Have you communicated with the Department Director associated with this matter? ☒ Yes ☐ No

*What was the Outcome?*

Non-satisfaction.

**Presentation:** Will you be presenting a power point presentation or a video? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**\*Please note that you are permitted 3 minutes to speak and make your presentation.**

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